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SUBJECT: AMIN AND MACHEL EXCHANGE MESSAGES ABOUT OAU, ALC AND ANGOLA

1. LOCAL PRESS JAN 26 PUBLISHED IDI AMIN TELEGRAM OF JAN 20 TO SAMORA MACHEL AND MACHEL'S REPLY. SUMMARY OF TEXTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. IN HIS TELEGRAM AMIN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) UGANDA SUPPORTS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THROUGH LIBERATION COMMITTEE.

B) SERIOUS EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY OAU AND MEMBER STATES TO UNITE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND TO URGE THEM TO WORK IN HARMONY.

C) PRESENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA IS WITHOUT DOUBT A GOOD LESSON FOR ALL OF US. WHAT WE SEE HAPPENING IN ANGOLA IS PARTLY THE REACTION TO THE FAILURE OF OAU IN FIRST PHASES OF ENTIRE PROCESS TO RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ALL ANGOLAN PARTIES INVOLVED, AND IN THE SECOND PLACE, TO THE FAILURE OF OAU TO HARMONIZE THEIR EFFORTS. A FREE AFRICAN CANNOT DENY TO SOME LIBERATION MOVEMENTS THE RIGHT OF LIBERATION WHICH THEY HAVE WON AND DEMONSTRATED BY FIGHTING

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AGAINST THE ENEMY. IN THE CASE OF ANGOLA, AFRICA HAS NOW DECIDED,

BY NEGLIGENCE OR PREJUDICE, TO PERPETUATE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ANGOLAN POLITICAL PARTIES. ALL OF US PRAY THAT AFTER THE PRESENT CIVIL WAR, GOD WILL BLESS ALL OF US AND UNITE US AS ONE PEOPLE. WE REPEAT OUR APPEAL THAT THE INTERNAL ANGOLAN PROBLEM DEMANDS A POLITICAL SOLUTION THAT SHOULD BE BASICALLY LEFT TO THE ANGOLANS. THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO A CONFLICT BECAUSE OF ANGOLA, BUT SHOULD NOW BE MORE UNITED THAN EVER AND DIRECT THEIR COMBINED ATTENTION TOWARD THE WAR OF LIBERATION FOR SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA.

D) UGANDA HAS NOT AND WILL NOT INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF ONE ANGOLAN PARTY OR THE OTHER. HOWEVER, IT WILL CONDEMN ANY INTERVENTION, FOREIGN OR AFRICAN.

E) UGANDA THINKS THAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIBERATION FUND OF THE OAU SHOULD BE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED, DUE TO HIGHER COSTS OF ARMS AND TRAINING. THE INCREASE SHOULD BE AIMED PRINCIPALLY AT CARRYING OUT ONE EFFICIENT STRUGGLE AGAINST THE VORSTER REGIME. UGANDA THEREFORE, APPEALS TO ALL MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE DELAYED THEIR PAYMENTS TO MEET THEIR OBLIGATIONS.

F) UGANDA PAYS ITS ALC DUES PROMPTLY, AS WELL AS PROVIDING OTHER ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION CAUSE.

G) UGANDA IS ATTENDING OAU-ALC MEETING IN SPIRIT OF COOPERATION. UGANDA IS NOT IN THE POCKET OF ANY IMPERIALISTS, CAPITALIST OR COMMUNIST. WE ARE NOT ALIGNED WITH ANY SO-CALLED PROGRESSIVE COUNTRY, WHICH IS TO BE EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLED BY OUTSIDE MILITARY BLOCs.

H) AMIN COULD NOT ATTEND ALC MEETING BECAUSE OF PREPARATIONS TO CELEBRATE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF UGANDA'S SECOND REPUBLIC.

3. PRESIDENT MACHEL RESPONDED:

A) MOZAMBIQUE AGREES FULLY THAT ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO CONQUER, PRESERVE AND CONSOLIDATE UNITY OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. HOWEVER, WE MUST BE PRUDENT WHEN WE PROPOSED THE CONSTRUCTION OF FRONTS AMONG DIFFERENT MOVEMENTS IN ONE TERRITORY, OR WHEN WE

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PROPOSE THE RECOGNITION OF ONE LIBERATION MOVEMENT. IT IS NECESSARY TO INVESTIGATE BEFOREHAND THE REAL SITUATION, TO RECOGNIZE NATURE, OBJECTIVES, METHODS AND REPRESENTATION OF THE MOVEMENT. THUS, IN SOME CASES IT IS CORRECT TO CONSTRUCT FRONTS AMONG DIFFERENT GROUPS IN ONE COUNTRY, WHILE IN OTHERS ONLY ONE GROUP CAN BE SUPPORTED.

B) MOZAMBIQUE AGREES THAT ALL MEMBER STATES MUST PAY THEIR

ASSESSMENTS AND DUES TO THE LIBERATION FUND.

C) MOZAMBIQUE TOOK NOTE OF UGANDA POSITION ON ANGOLA. THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE BELIEVES THAT AFRICAN UNITY MUST BE RESTORED, NAMELY BY TAKING A COLLECTIVE POSITION AGAINST THE PRINCIPAL ENEMY, SOUTH AFRICAN, WHO ATTACKED AND INVADED THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, A SOVEREIGN AFRICAN STATE. WITH THE SUPPORT OF AFRICAN AND THE PROGRESSIVE WORLD, THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE, LED BY THE MPLA, WILL EXPEL THE SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSORS, AS THEY EXPELLED THE PORTUGUESE. THE MPLA WILL KNOW HOW TO UNITE THE PATRIOTIC FORCES IN THE JUST STRUGGLE FOR THE DEFENSE OF INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONAL INTEGRITY. CARSON

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